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Madura Young Men.

We shall do so much in the years to come,
But what have we done to-day?
We shall give our gold in a princely sum,
But what did we give TO-DAY?

We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,
We shall speak the words of love and cheer,
But what did we speak TO-DAY?

THE KEY-NOTE OF SERVICE.

Service is becoming more and more the key-note of our age, and young men are often eager to spend at least part of their holiday time in helping others, who are less fortunately placed. If such is your spirit, consult the Secretary of the Association regarding opportunities for helpfulness.

OUR HOT WEATHER PROGRAMME.

With the arrival of the hot season the Schools and Colleges close. Those students who have been sitting for public examination are now through their misery. In any case, whether appearing for examination or not, hundreds of students and teachers will now be at leisure.

With the closing of the Courts of Law, hundreds of other men will be set free from their usual affairs.

We cordially invite you to make the Y.M C.A. activities part of your holiday programme. The art of holidaying is not an easy one. Few men know how to employ their leisure time to the best advantage, so that they will be truly refreshed in mind, body, and spirit to resume their labours. The Association helps men the world over to solve this problem. Let the Madura Association help you.

Y.M.C.A. AT HOME.

Arrangements are under way for a series of informal receptions to groups of young men from different sections of the city. This week the young men from East Gate are coming to the Association buildings for a friendly contest in various sports and games. The last time they visited us they won the championship on points for all the events. Better luck to the home team this time! Good followship is the keynote of these gatherings.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BUILDINGS.

By dint of regular "scene-shifting" when the Day School is 'out," is the School has now been made the main scene of activities after darkness has fallen. More lights, a good coat of whitewash and rearrangement of furniture have made the Hall an attractive place.

A number of pictures have been lent by different owners and it is intended to have something of an Art Loan Gallery, including photographs of famous persons and places in India and also a number of reproductions ol well-known art treasures of the west. Neat cards will accompany the pictures, explaining the points of special interest in each that have caused it to be selected to adorn our walls.

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REARRANGEMENTS.

The Advisory Committee at its last meeting approved of the scheme whereby the C.L.S. are to have one of our rooms as their salesroom for literature of various kinds. In addition to books published by the C.L.S. and by the Association Press, school textbooks, stationery and books of general interest will be kept in stock. The arrangement should prove a great convenience to many, and the new venture, in premises so well located for business purposes as are our buildings, deserves the best of success.

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SENIOR RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP.

This group continues to meet on Sunday morning; the hour has now been changed to 10·00, as the Church services are over at an earlier hour during the hot weather The members are having splendid discussions on topics suggested by Dr. Glover's book on "The Jesus of History." The sessions are led by different members in turn, with excellent results.

SUNDAY EVENING ENGLISH SERVICE.

A new project has now been undertaken by the Discussion Group, at the invitation of Rev. James Rowland, pastor of the West Gate Church. The Group, through Mr A. Ponniah, B.A., B.L., the acting President, are arranging to carry on for some time during the hot weather, the Sunday evening English services. Several speakers have been arranged for, and if the services meet a widely-felt need, as many think they will, they will probably be continued throughout May and June. The hour will be 6 P.M. The first service will be held on Sunday April 28th, at West Gate Church.

DRAUGHTS AND CHESS TOURNAMENT.

Tournaments will be held as soon as possible in these two games. Entries will be open to any players in Madura; entries may be made at once to Mr. Rajah James or Mr. Bryce and a committee will be appointed to arrange details. The entry fee for each tournament will be:- for Association members as. 2. for non-members as. 4. Prizes will be given.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Our Staff.

Mr. O. O. Stanchfield, Principal of the Summer School for Y M.C.A. Secretaries now in session at Khandala, near Poona, writes:—"Ernest is doing very well in the school and is a great addition. I think he will get a lot of good for his stay this month." Our readers will be glad to get this bit of news.

Mr. T. Rajah James, who has just completed his first year in the American College, is acting for the present as personal assistant to the general secretary. This

will make it possible to do much more thorough work. Our friends are asked to lighten Mr. Rajah James' task by helping him in whatever way they can as opportunities present themelves. Such co-operation will be great appreciated.

A Letter from East Africa.

Mr. Bryce, general secretary of the Madura Association, has received an interesting from Major C.R. Webster, Senior Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in British, German and Portuguese East Africa. The letter is quoted in part below. Major Webster and Mr. Bryce lived in the same house in Bangalore and left that city for East Africa and Madura respectively the same week in November 1915 :—

"I was glad to get your handful of printed matter last week. You certainly have the lines out in the right direction......I suppose those of you who are carrying on the regular Association programme sometimes wish for the romance of Army work in some theatre of war, but I venture to say that you fellows are doing the real business. ....Of course the campaign is not over, and we are still opening branches in Portuguese East, but the number of white troops has been greatly reduced......We have asked the South African Council (of the Y.M.C.A.) to take over the work in Portuguese East, and will try to carry on in German East until the military camps are closed down...... Of course there are permanent branches being established if men are available, and we are already committed to educational work for Africans—a scheme which is already on its feet and is being subsidized by the Railway Department. Horace Fort is here and doing very well."

Mr. Fort acted for some time as secretary for the Army work in Madras. About a year ago he brought a party of soldiers on a sightseeing tup to Madura.

The Educational work for Africans has received high commendation as a statesmanlike undertaking full of promise for the future.

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